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WHAT IS GOING ON IN SOCIETY.

The most conspicuous feature of water-front society this summer is its disengagement. A tendency to break up into sets and cliques has been largely apparent at Newport, Saratoga, and, indeed, all the more crowded places of summer resort, and has been unfavorably commented upon both in public and private. But in point of fact it is just as unavoidable and as much the result of our enormous growth in population, wealth, and luxury as are electric bells, French cooks, thoroughbred horses, and liveried servants. The formation of a clique is simply the drawing together of a certain number of people who from congenitality of taste, early associations, or conventional prejudices seem to have most in common with one another, to the exclusion of others who again have their own special friends and associates, and their prohibitory limits which are drawn with a corresponding exactness and severity. Outside of these again like the circles on the surface of a pool when a stone is dropped into its depths, are innumerable sets and coteries, for a few of whom the sun shines, the blind play, and the means and appliances for enjoyment and recreation are equally open. Why, then, should there be envy, malice, and bitterness between them? Is it a question to which only those who have lived long and observed closely can give a satisfactory answer?

At Newport we have an ancient and honorable, rich and powerful, a free and easy, a literary, a religious, an artistic, and a gay-as-you-please set, none of whom need necessarily clash with the others, and among which well-bred foreigners pass merrily in and out, and wonder where the distinctions without a difference can possibly have their origin. The Ocean House this year has a larger and varied society, including among its members a number of the best of Southern and foreign people, a number of well-dressed and attractive English and Italian women, a party from Virginia, and several South Carolinians. The Earl and Countess of Onslow are there, both of them young and handsome, and the Countess graceful enough to be mistaken, as she frequently is, for an American. The Count Castiglione, Madam Danes, and Col. and Mrs. Do Winton are also at the Ocean House, and Mr. Frederick Frerichs and J. P. Emanot are among the recent arrivals. There is as yet no very prominent or pronounced bole of the Newport season; indeed, "belles" in the elegant and exclusive acceptance of the term are probably as much out of fashion as sociability and universal good fellowship. If one may be selected from among the crowd of pretty, clever, and attractive girls, Miss Emily Yznaga may be named as the most popular. Miss Carley of Louisville, however, runs her very close, and has almost as long a train of admirers. She is a handsome blonde, but rather lacking in the animation and originality which constitute Miss Yznaga's great charm. Of striking and remarkable beauties, such as Miss Chamberlain and Miss Montague, either one of whom might have carried off the golden prize two years ago, there are none whatever this season, so far as we hear. We hear, however, that Miss Chamberlain, in London, visiting their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Albany, at Chatsworth and Buckingham Palace, and that she was especially admired at the balls at Merton House and Lady de Rothschild's, where H. R. H. the Prince of Wales had the cottons with Miss Chamberlain, who received marked attention from the royalties present, and was more admired than ever for her beauty and charming manners.

The yacht race on Monday drew together an immense crowd to see the start. All the fashion of Newport was there, including Mrs. Vanderveer, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond, and Mrs. Russell, in her currie. The sight was lovely, as the day was fine and the water so blue that it almost made the sky look faded. Fortunately for the spectators, the boats kept well together as long as they were in sight, and looked as they vanished in the distance like a fleet of wine-wheeled galleys skimming the ocean.

There have been the usual number of dinners during the past week—dowager dinners, rose-bed dinners, and highly convivial bachelor dinners, such as the one on Monday night which exploded in a nest of boisterous rowdiness and scandalized the high-toned respectability of Governors and outside.

A very mild kind of gayety, satisfactory, no doubt, to the participants, but of no particular interest to others, fills up the measure of the August days and nights at the Pequot House, New London. A domino party at Mrs. Payson's pretty cottage, which was beautifully lighted and lit up for the occasion, has been the most exciting event of the week. As ladies and gentlemen were all masked and dominoed, it is difficult to understand where the fun and frolic could come in; but as the universal testimony was in favor of this new departure in masquerades, it is fair to suppose that it must have its good points. An exhibition of tableau vivante by some summer residents is announced to take place on the 16th, for the benefit of the Cancer Hospital, a valuable and important institution, and the one for which Mrs. Richard Irvin and other ladies labored so energetically at the Kirmess entertainment last spring. The setting up of the tableau has been intrusted by Mrs. William C. Schermerhorn and Mrs. Edward Kirkland, who compose the Executive Committee, to eight ladies of the Pequot, among whom are Mrs. Draper, Mrs. Lynch, Mrs. Jenks (daughter of Bishop Littlejohn), Mrs. Payson, and Mrs. Edward Wright. Much artistic taste and talent will be displayed in the arrangement and grouping of the pictures, and a highly representative result is to be expected.

FISH FROM THE GREAT LAKES.

The Haunts of Yellow Pike, Blue Pike, Black Bass, Whitefish, and Trout.

BUFFALO, Aug. 11.—This city is one of the most important lake fish-distributing markets on the entire chain of the great lakes. A very small portion of the whitefish, trout, yellow-pike, and bass that are daily sent to the Eastern cities from here, however, is taken from near-by waters. Nearly all of the fish that are shipped east in the winter time are caught during the previous fall. They are brought from Lakes Superior, Michigan, and Huron, the smaller supply coming from Lakes Erie and Ontario. They are transported in refrigerator cars, and frozen and stored for the winter trade, the demand for lake fish having increased so of late years that it is impossible for winter fishing to supply it.

Lake Superior is considered the best of the lakes for fish. It is more like that of springs than any of the others. Whitefish and lake trout taken from Superior command better prices than the same fish taken from any other lake. They like deep water, and are frequently found from a depth of 30 feet. They are worth \$120 per hundred weight, even April 1, 1883, to 1800, and the dead is made out in the name of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clucker, who are understood that Mr. Bissell will build a house on the lot which is situated before the residence of Mr. James L. Keene and Mr. Lewis M. Marcell.

Quite a number of summer residents are entertaining guests. Mr. Chester A. Arthur, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. George Bowdern, Mr. and Mrs. French, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Wetmore are at Chautaukula; Mr. George Bowdern at Mrs. Pierrepont's; Miss Caroline Duer of New York at Mrs. Pierrepont's; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clucker gave a reception which was by far the most largely attended of the season. It was given at a sort of hotel, a room being allotted to each guest, and the money taken by them since they took possession of their new and handsome house. About 300 guests were present, and the house was filled to overflowing. The entertainment given in the week before the opening of the theater has been the most gaudy displays, many tables approaching on a small scale, and the decorations at the

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